



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

April 16, 1999

P.O. Box 47775 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7775 • (360) 407-6300

Harry Senn
8137 Rainier Rd
Olympia WA 98513

Dear Mr. Senn:

Re: Water Right Application No. S2-29644 for Lewis County Dept of Community Services

We have received your application for appropriation of water and it has been assigned the number referenced above. If you contact us in the future regarding this application, it will help us serve you more quickly if you refer to this application number.

Please complete the following two steps:

1. Enclosed is a notice of your application, which must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Lewis County. The newspaper should have general circulation in the locality where the water is to be diverted and used, and must be qualified as a legal newspaper. Publishing the notice in a remote part of the county, when not necessary, may be cause for you to be required to republish the notice in a designated newspaper. The enclosed newspaper list may help you select an appropriate newspaper for the area.

Publication should start within 30 days from the date of this letter.

To assure accuracy, it is your responsibility to check the notice carefully before having it published. If you find an error, please contact this office for correction and/or resolution. If we later find an error in your public notice, you will be required to re-publish an amended notice at your expense.

2. After publication, the publishing newspaper should provide you with a notarized original Affidavit of Publication, which should be forwarded to our office as soon as possible. Please do not send a photocopy of the affidavit.

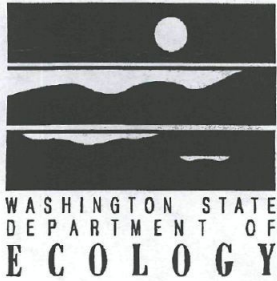
If you have any questions or concerns about any of this information, please call (360) 407-0240. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheri Carroll
Water Resources Program

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

TAKE NOTICE:

That Lewis County Dept of Community Services of Chehalis, Washington on April 16, 1998 under Application No. S2-29644 filed for permit to appropriate public waters, subject to existing rights, from a South Lewis County Pond tributary to Cowlitz River in the amount of 6.0 cubic feet per second as needed each year, for fish propagation enhancement. The source of the proposed appropriation is located within SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 17, Township 11 N., Range 1 W.W.M., in Lewis County.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a two dollar (\$2.00) recording fee and filed with the Department of Ecology, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days from: _____ (Last date of publication to be entered above by publisher)

* NOTICE MUST BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS *

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May 28, 1998

Dear Water Right Applicant:

Re: Water Application No. S2-29644

We have received your application for a water right and have assigned the application number indicated above. It would help us if you referred to it by number in future correspondence.

Due to a shortage of staff to meet the demand for service, new applications are being accepted and filed for future processing, but a public notice will not be sent at this time. Because we have approximately 5,000 pending applications for water rights, it may be some time before we can get to your application. When we begin processing your application, we'll prepare a public notice and send it to you with publication instructions. It is very important that you notify us of any change of address or ownership of the property; or, if your plans for water use change.

We are working on the oldest applications on file as quickly as we are able. We are also looking for ways to speed up decision making. Please keep in mind that filing an application for water use does not authorize use of the water. With the many complexities of water law, including issues such as senior rights, fish habitat, and instream flows, favorable permit decisions are not always possible. I regret that a decision on your application cannot be made sooner and strongly advise against investing further in your project unless you are issued a water right permit.

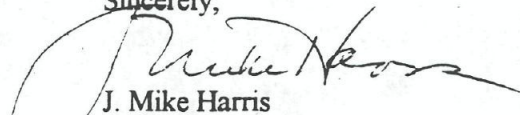
I apologize that this is the best we can do currently. To better manage limited staff time, we have set the following office hours:

Telephone Calls
Mondays and Wednesdays
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Walk-Ins
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 am to 12:00 (noon)

We will respond to your questions and concerns as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,


J. Mike Harris
Water Resources Supervisor
Southwest Regional Office

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